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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 124: ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS (continued)

Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.46 submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

1. Mr. SPAANS (Netherlands), introducing draft decision A/C.5/47/L.46 on behalf of the Chairman, said that the draft decision endorsed the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and requested the Secretary-General to provide an overview of the administrative guidelines applicable to the management of peace-keeping operations and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on arrangements relating to the reimbursement to troop-contributing countries for death, injury, disability and illness resulting from service in the peace-keeping operations. He hoped that the draft decision, which was the result of the consensus achieved following informal consultations, would be adopted without a vote.

2. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft decision A/C.5/47/L.46 without a vote.

3. Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.46 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 137: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42 submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

4. Mr. MERIFIELD (Canada), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42 on behalf of the Chairman, said that the draft resolution was similar to previous resolutions in form and substance. He drew the Committee's attention, however, to the last three preambular paragraphs, which expressed concern about the deteriorating financial situation, and to paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9, which set forth some of the new periods and appropriations. He hoped that the draft resolution, which was the result of the consensus reached following informal consultations, would be adopted without a vote.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42.

6. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 153: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44 submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

7. Mrs. EMERSON (Portugal), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44 on behalf of the Chairman, drew the Committee's attention to the eighth and ninth preambular paragraphs, which expressed concern about the deteriorating financial situation, and to paragraph 7, in which the Secretary-General was requested to submit new budget proposals, including revised estimates for the financing of a possible extension of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique. She hoped that the draft resolution, which reflected the consensus reached following informal consultations, would be adopted without a vote.

8. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44 without a vote.

9. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.44 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 120: FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991) (continued)

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Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.39

10. Mr. SENGWE (Zimbabwe), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.39 on behalf of the Chairman, said that, while the draft resolution was broadly similar to previous resolutions, he wished to draw attention to paragraphs 2, 3 and 5. He hoped that the draft resolution, which was the result of the consensus achieved following informal consultations, would be adopted without a vote.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.39 without a vote.

12. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.39 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 145: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43 submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

13. Mr. OSELLA (Argentina), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43, drew the Committee's attention to the last preambular paragraph, which expressed deep concern about the adverse effect of the deteriorating financial situation, and to paragraph 3, which regretted the absence of any reimbursements to troop-contributing countries. He also drew attention to paragraphs 6, 7, 9 and 10, which set out the estimates for the new periods. He hoped that the draft resolution, on which consensus had been reached during informal consultations, would be adopted without a vote.

14. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43 without a vote.

15. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.43 was adopted.

16. Mr. INOMATA (Japan), speaking in explanation of his delegation's position, said that, although Japan had joined in the consensus on the draft resolution, it had serious reservations with regard to paragraph 9. Owing to the late submission by the Secretariat of its estimates of expenditure, ACABQ had not had time to consider them, and the Committee's decision was therefore not based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee. That situation was a cause of some concern, since, if it continued, the General Assembly could lose control over the budget of operations of similar magnitude, which involved considerable expenditure. It was extremely unusual for ACABQ to delegate to the Secretary-General the authority to enter into commitments while the General Assembly was in session. He pointed out, moreover, in connection with paragraph 52 of the report of ACABQ (A/47/984), that the Secretary-General would need to submit a report to the Advisory Committee, and that, after considering it, the Advisory Committee would in turn report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

AGENDA ITEM 117: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION (continued)

Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.47 submitted by the Chairman

17. The CHAIRMAN, introducing draft decision A/C.5/47/L.47, recalled that on the two previous occasions on which he had submitted the draft decision the Committee had been unable to consider it for technical reasons. He wished to make the following corrections to the text of the draft decision. The text of paragraph (b) should read: "Further decides to apportion the amount indicated in paragraph (a) above among Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution ...". At the end of paragraph (c), the words "General Assembly resolution 47/224 A of 16 March 1993" should be replaced by the words "General Assembly resolution ...". The blank spaces would be filled in after the General Assembly had adopted the draft resolution on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force.

18. Mr. HOSANG (Director, Peace-keeping Financing Division), replying to a question put by the representative of Canada concerning draft decision A/C.5/47/L.47, said that no unencumbered balance remained from the appropriation for the period ending 30 April 1993.

19. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft decision A/C.5/47/L.47 without a vote.

20. Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.47 was adopted.

21. The CHAIRMAN said that, with the adoption of the draft decision, the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 117 and he requested the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 121: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA (continued)

Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.48

22. The CHAIRMAN said that the information requested had been circulated to all delegations. If he heard no objection, he would therefore take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft decision A/C.5/47/L.48 without a vote.

23. Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.48 was adopted.

24. The CHAIRMAN said that, with the adoption of the draft decision, the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 121 and he requested the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.